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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : [REDACTED]  
Assistant Legislative Counsel

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SUBJECT: Briefing of HPSCI Chief Counsel Mike O'Neil re SIS

1. Date, Time and Place of Meeting:

25 October 1979  
1400 - 1455 hours  
H-405, Cap.

2. Participants:

Mike O'Neil, HPSCI Chief Counsel  
Harry Fitzwater, Director of Personnel, CIA  
[REDACTED] Deputy Director of Personnel, CIA  
[REDACTED], Office of General Counsel, CIA  
[REDACTED] Assistant Legislative Counsel, CIA

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[REDACTED] General Counsel, NSA  
[REDACTED] Assistant Deputy Director for Management  
and Personnel Services, NSA

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[REDACTED], Director of Civilian Personnel, NSA  
[REDACTED] Legislative Affairs Officer, NSA

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[REDACTED] Office of Personnel, DIA  
DIA, General Counsel Representatives

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3. The purpose of the above described was so that the various Community representatives could explain to Mr. O'Neil the basic framework of their proposed Senior Services and, in the case of CIA, our Senior Intelligence Service which has been effective since 1 October of this year.

STATINTL 4. Messrs Fitzwater & [REDACTED] explained, apparently to Mr. O'Neil's satisfaction the basics of our system. The same can be safely stated for Mr. Schwartz's presentation of NSA's proposal (recently cleared for Hill transmittal by OMB). In the case of the DIA proposal, however, Mr. O'Neil focused on the fact that DIA was requesting, in addition to authority for the creation of the Service, increased flexibility so as to permit the retention of a greater number of super grade positions. To bolster their case DIA unfortunately cited the ratios of supergrades to non-supergrades in CIA & NSA. DIA's figures compare unfavorably to both of the sister services. Mr. O'Neil also questioned as to why two separate bills were necessary, one for NSA and one for DIA, when the specifics of their proposals were, but for slight language variations, identical. The obvious answer, which was

not offered, is that while NSA's proposal is clean (no tangential requests) and has been cleared by OMB, DIA's proposal remains tied up at OMB, presumably due to the request for more supergrade positions.

5. In response to Mr. O'Neil's inquiry directed to the undersigned regarding the DCI's position vis-a-vis the NSA and DIA proposals. I responded that the DCI, while not commenting on the substantive details of their planned programs had supported in principle both bills. The CIA contingent left with Mr. O'Neil our Office of Personnel prepared booklet which describes the CIA system. The CIA presentation by our Office of Personnel was succinct, to the point and well received by Mr. O'Neil.

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